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This book, intended for juveniles and young students, provides an encyclopedic collection of reference information about the U.S. Supreme Court. The articles are arranged alphabetically to aid in looking up words, ideas, or names. Lists of "see also" entries are located at the end of articles to refer the reader to related subjects. The book includes biographical sketches of all 107 justices of the Supreme Court, detailed discussions of 100 of the most historically significant cases decided by the Supreme Court, articles that define and discuss concepts central to the meaning of constitutionalism in the United States and decision-making by the court, legal terms and phrases associated with the Court's operation, procedures and practices in the daily operations of the court, essays on key topics and issues in U.S. constitutional law, excerpts from notable Supreme Court opinions, and tables of milestone cases in the development of constitutional law. Essays on current constitutional issues include abortion rights, affirmative action, censorship, school prayer, libel, and employment discrimination. Other essays illuminate procedural topics such as the right to trial, right to counsel, and protection against self-incrimination. The articles demonstrate the relationships of the Court to the lives and concerns of individuals in U.S. society. Two appendices are included. The first gives the terms of the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. The second describes visiting the Supreme Court Building and includes a floor plan indicating the parts of the building that are open to the public. The volume is illustrated with photographs throughout.
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